

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 101, 104-108, 111-114, 122 and 125-128 are pending in this application, with claims 101, 106, 108, 113, 122, and 127 being independent. By this amendment, claims 115 and 118-121 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims have been amended or added. No new matter has been introduced.

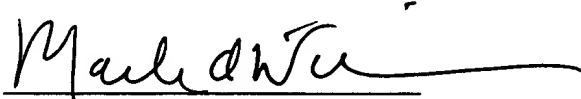
Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 101, 104-108, 111-114, 122, 127 and 128. These claims are believed to remain in condition for allowance.

The Office Action entered rejections of claims 115, 118-121, 125 and 126 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 115 and 181-121 have been cancelled, and the remaining claims are seen to be in condition for allowance. It should be noted that Applicant did not cancel rejected claims 125 and 126. These claims are dependent on allowed claim 122 and are not directed to a program. Accordingly, these claims are also believed to be allowable and should not have been rejected under § 101. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance. In particular, Applicant's may file a divisional application to pursue the subject matter of the rejected claims.

Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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